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With this Issue, Paper Begins Its 73rd Year of Publication

The Greenbelt News Review begins its 73rd year of publishing with this issue.

The paper is unique – the longest running cooperative weekly newspaper in the United States – and has been featured in books and television programs, as well as graduate theses and other student papers on Greenbelt, planned towns and the cooperative movement. Some researchers have focused on the paper's four-year David-and-Goliath struggle against a \$2,000,000 libel suit in which the News Review was finally vindicated by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1970. The decision supported freedom of the press in a case still studied and quoted as a significant legal precedent.

In a town of many co-ops, the News Review, 72, is next to the oldest, preceded only by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. The paper, originally a letter-sized, 16-page mimeographed publication, then titled the Greenbelt Cooperator, began publication on November 24, 1937 – six weeks after the first families moved into their homes.

For those wondering how the paper gets out each week, the staff is largely volunteer although

they may receive minimal patronage dividends. In the Greenbelt tradition, the paper is organized as a labor cooperative. The paper is unconnected with the city government, other cooperatives in the city or Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI).

On the other hand, the paper gratefully accepts support from any segment of the community – from the city by advertising and by making Community Center space available to rent, the Co-op grocery and GHI by their regular corporate ads, our many other loyal advertisers and from contributions of generous citizens when the financial pinch has been too tight. Mostly, however, the paper has been self-supporting from paid advertisements.

History

Early Greenbelt pioneers recognized the immediate need for a news medium to keep the new settlers informed of local events and to provide a forum for the exchange of views. They laid down the principles that still guide the actions of the News Review – a non-partisan, non-profit cooperative endeavor, whose aims are to print the news accurately and fairly and to respect the Greenbelt “good neighbor”

philosophy of life.

In January 1938, the federal government (which owned Greenbelt at that time) made space available for the paper at the town commercial center free of cost. The government also loaned much-needed furniture, typewriters (some historical machines are still on display in the office) and other office equipment.

With the withdrawal of the federal government from town, GHI, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation, continued the federal policy for decades of providing free office space. The paper reimbursed the corporation only for out-of-pocket expenses. For many years the paper operated from offices in the unfinished basement of Parkway Apartments.

In February 1996, the News Review moved to fresh, new, above-ground rental space in the historic Center School, then newly renovated and opened by the city as the Greenbelt Community Center.

Free Delivery

An important development in the newspaper's history was the decision to deliver the Cooperator free of charge to every home in town, beginning with the issue of September 7, 1939. The policy of free distribution remained unchanged except for an unsuccessful effort in 1953 to go to a subscription basis.

Since then successive boards

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First Female PR Officer Takes On New Responsibilities

by Tami Le

All women in law enforcement face difficulties, observes the first female public relations officer of the Greenbelt Police Department. Sometimes people do not recognize that a woman should be an officer. She should be at home, they think. Sometime she does not get the respect she should get, continues officer Kelly Lawson.

However, the 29-year-old officer, who has been filling the chief public relations position for a little more than three months, says that she has had nothing but positive interactions with colleagues, the media and the community of Greenbelt.

The department's previous crime prevention and public information officer was George Mathews, a 23-year department veteran who retired on August 1. Lawson took up his departmental responsibilities of crime prevention, community relations, news information and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. Lawson was assigned the position and began training in May. During training she shadowed Mathews while putting together press releases and meeting members of different news groups.

Because her parents were firefighters, Lawson said she has “always had a kinship with



Kelly Lawson

public safety.” Originally from Media, Pa., Lawson came to the University of Maryland in 1998 because she was interested in their Fire Protection Engineering Department. She received her bachelor's degree in fire science from the University of Maryland in 2005, followed by a master's in public health from Walden University in 2007.

Fluency in Spanish allowed Lawson to get a job as a police dispatcher for the Hyattsville Police Department. She then went on to become a cadet for the Riverdale Police Department. After working there for three years and moving to Greenbelt in

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American Education Week November 15 to 21, 2009

In a celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy.

Last week's issue featured teachers from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Springhill Lake Elementary and, preceding that, Magnolia Elementary School. In the coming weeks we will focus on St. Hugh's and Greenbelt Elementary Schools.

This series has been developed and coordinated by David Lange, who is the coordinator of volunteers at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Paula Davis Takes Mystery Out of 6th Grade Writing

by Amy S. Hansen

Paula Davis worried that she would sound corny while discussing her love of teaching. But corny is only negative when left in the abstract as platitudes and her lessons are anything but abstract.

Davis is a sixth-year, sixth grade language arts teacher at Greenbelt Middle School. She was chosen by her administration as one of the exemplary teachers to be highlighted for American Education Week.

Davis works with about 70 students a year. Writing is difficult for many people but it doesn't have to be a mystery. She doesn't let her students flounder, worrying that they don't have anything to say. And



Paula Davis

she says, when they work through their project, they find they can write.

Personal Memoir

The first part of the Personal Memoir project assignment is an author's page that includes a list of facts, such as the student's name, hobbies, age, place of birth and so on.

Next, the writer is asked to come up with a sentence about five experiences. The next step is to come up with details for two of those five experiences.

For Paula Davis, her own memoir project might include her 10 years of working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School before she decided to

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Woodyard Teaches Reading Writing and More Writing

by Amy S. Hansen

This is the second year Danica Woodyard has been teaching seventh grade language arts at Greenbelt Middle School. And it is the first year she is helping students participate in National Novel Writing Month. Some of her students are writing a 35,000-word novel – that's about 140 typed pages.

And they are writing it fast. They write only in the month of November. The goal of National Novel Writing Month is not to write beautifully but to write lots and quickly, thereby stopping internal critics who say we cannot write. Many authors later revise their November work while others just become stronger writers because of the process.



Danica Woodyard

Woodyard, a native of California, went to school in Nebraska before landing in Greenbelt. She was chosen by her administration at Greenbelt Middle School as one of the exemplary teachers to be highlighted for American Education Week.

Woodyard herself is also writing for National Novel Writing Month. For adult participants, novels are about 50,000 words. Last year she finished. This year it is too early to tell if she'll make it. But the real goal is to write.

Not all of Woodyard's students are participating in this project but all of them write. Writing, like any other skill, gets

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Letters

THANKS!

Thanks to all who donated blood on November 20 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross during the holiday season. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Friday, March 5 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

To make an appointment call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

*Janet Goldberg
Recreation Coordinator*

THANKS!

I am writing to express gratitude to the Greenbelt Animal Shelter for Tia, a senior (about 9 to 10 years old) Cocker Spaniel mix. The people at the Animal Shelter have been wonderful, making every effort to assure that my adoption of Tia would be successful. They allowed us to have several brief visits of increasing length to get to know each other. The shelter provides veterinary care and personal involvement with the dogs so they will be in good condition for adoption. I had lots of questions for the Animal Shelter staff and they answered each one patiently and thoroughly.

The shelter is always immaculately clean. The staff express love and joy with the dogs.

Tia is housebroken, trained, walks well on a leash and is sweet, calm, curious and interested in life. I have wanted a dog for years. I recently retired and now have time and energy to care for a dog. I need, as much as Tia does, the fresh air and exercise afforded by our daily long walks.

Tia is perfect for me and I am very grateful to have her.

I thank the people at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter for taking such good care of Tia until I came along.

Joyce Ann Wineland

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of directors of the cooperative have considered the paper’s chief imperative to distribute it to each household in the city.

As We Are

Some readers may recall when the News Review had only two pages; that was in the summer of 1957. Today, however, the standard size is 12 or 16 pages and occasionally as large as 28. The deciding factor each week in the paper’s size is the number of inches of advertising, which determines the number of pages that can be paid for.

At present 9,600 free copies of the News Review are distributed weekly to homes in Greenbelt, including the historic residential communities as well as Greenbriar, Greenbrook, Greenwood Village, Windsor Green, Greenspring, Hunting Ridge, Belle Point, Empirian Village, Greenbelt Lake Village, the Lakes of Greenbelt Village and the Greenbelt office buildings and shopping centers.

In 1995 the paper joined the 90s when it moved to a cold type-computerized process ending its long-standing relationship with Allen Printing and their metal typesetting letter press operation. This change to an offset press enabled us to return to a longer page, allowing more space for stories and photos. We also added green ink. The paper looked good, our readers told us.

In June 2001 the paper lost its publisher, Chesapeake Publishing, when they reorganized to print only major publications. At that time the News Review moved to an all-electronic process, involving a steep learning curve for the volunteer staff – a process that still continues.

At that time the News Review contracted with graphic designer Lynn Eppard, who now does all layout and preprint work for the paper in her home. Copy is sent electronically to Silver Communication in Sterling, Virginia for printing. We think the paper looks even better than it did before, though it costs more to

produce it.

Staff

During the paper’s 72 years there have been 39 changes in editorship. However the last 37 years, the position has been held by Mary Lou Williamson. More than 68 staff members help to get out the paper each week – most of whom joined the staff as their way of contributing to this community. Some, like Williamson, Virginia Beauchamp and Elaine Skolnik have volunteered with the paper for 40 to 54 years.


An ongoing project – augmenting the staff through an agreement with the Departments of English and Journalism of the University of Maryland to accept placement of student interns – still continues, to the News Review’s advantage. Students have participated in the regular work of writing and editing copy for this paper.

An affiliated program is sponsored by the Alfred M. Skolnik Memorial Fund. This fund, commemorating an early reporter and long-time president of the cooperative, also provides for a yearly \$100 Savings Bond awarded to an outstanding Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate who lives in Greenbelt and is proficient in the field of writing.

As the paper enters its 73rd year, it remains primarily a volunteer effort. It has never missed an issue. It has been produced without fail during all these years by neighbors for neighbors, from the editor to reporters to proof readers to the young carriers delivering the paper.

Unchanged over all these years is the fact that we are always looking for people willing to contribute time and effort to assure the paper continues to serve the community. Currently our special need is for volunteers willing to visit local merchants to persuade them of the importance, as well as the benefits, of advertising in our community paper. That’s how we can continue to serve and to commemorate this wonderful town.

Grin Belt



"Here's my family recipe for pine cone pumpkin souffle."

Children’s Arts Drop-In Sunday

On Sunday, November 29 the College Park Arts Exchange will hold a Children’s Arts Drop-In from 2 to 4 p.m. Make a silvery spaceship or UFO out of three dimensional materials. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads a free monthly creative arts workshop for children ages 3 to 8 with parents. The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

Email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013 for more information.

Learn About Energy At Science Center

On Friday, December 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the Science Center will present “Revved Up with Energy.” What kind of energy is found in food? Wires? The night sky? All are invited to this free event.

Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

For more information call 301-918-8750 or visit the website at <http://www1.pgcps.org/howard-bowens/>.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Hoyer Telephone Town Hall Is on Monday


Congressman Steny H. Hoyer will hold a Telephone Town Hall Meeting for 5th District constituents on Monday, November 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The focus is to be on efforts to building a lasting economy to strengthen middle class families, small businesses and the nation’s long-term fiscal future. Those in Hoyer’s Fifth Congressional District including Greenbelt can call 877-269-7289 and use pin number 12897 to access the meeting.

The telephone town hall will operate much like a large-scale conference call between Hoyer and callers and will be preceded by an electronic call to thousands of households inviting them to join the town hall call-in. Recipients have the option of staying on the line to hear opening remarks from Hoyer, followed by a question and answer session. Previous Hoyer town hall telephone meetings have drawn up to 3,800 participants.

NARFE 1122 Holds Luncheon Meeting

NARFE Chapter 1122 of Northern Prince George’s County will hold its annual holiday luncheon meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at noon at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn in the Terrapin Room at 6323 Greenbelt Road in Berwyn Heights. Reservations are required. For information call Warren Wilcox at 301-345-7437.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

• 2010 Budget Discussion

GHI Key Agenda Items:

• Strategic Plan Review

• Right of Way Property Line Issue – Crescent Road

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF NOV. 27

The Blind Side

(PG-13)

Friday

*2:30, *4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

*2:30, *4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday

*2:30, *4:45, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00

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Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.
Tuesday, December 1, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.
Wednesday, December 2, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.
Thursday, December 3, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.
Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

GHI Notes

November 26, Offices closed for Thanksgiving Day. (Emergency maintenance available – call 301-474-6011.)
November 27, Offices closed. (Emergency maintenance available – call 301-474-6011.)
Tuesday, December 1, 8:30 a.m., Ad-hoc Yard Lines Committee – GHI Library
7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room
Thursday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

3-day Camp Needs College Age Help

Camp Fire USA will hold a holiday camp for needy Greenbelt children for three days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily December 28 through 30. The camp is designed to help the children stay out of trouble and learn some skills they may not know. Organizers are seeking college age volunteers to help with the holiday camp.
The camp will include sports, creative arts, drama, nature and winter activities and may include a field trip as part of the program. The children to be served are age 1 to 8, with three activity groups. All the children are from limited income families and/or transitional homeless programs. The group cannot host the program without adequate volunteers and is putting out an urgent plea for help.

Those able to help will need to attend a three-hour orientation in early December and will also need a quick background check, which organizers will arrange. Those helping will make a real difference to children in need. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community for people in the Greenbelt metro area who are not traveling over the holidays.
For more information email Camp Fire USA at info@camp-fireusa-patuxent.org.

“Shop with a Cop” Is Seeking Donations

The Greenbelt Police annual “Shop with a Cop” program, sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police, is coming fast and will be held at Beltway Plaza on Saturday, December 12 this year.
This program pairs needy children from the community with police officers, allowing the children to purchase Christmas presents for themselves as well as family members. Each child is allotted a budget of \$100 and is transported to a local store to make the purchases. The children are then brought back to a “present wrapping” party where they can enjoy pizza while they wrap their gifts. The children will be selected to participate through nominations by their elementary school.
Donations to fund this program are accepted by mailing them to Greenbelt FOP, PO Box 94, Greenbelt, MD 20768 or by dropping them off at the police station in an envelope marked Greenbelt FOP/Shop with a Cop.

GEAC Meets

The Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) will meet on Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Lake Village.

Nursery School Information Night

On Monday, December 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Greenbelt Nursery School is holding Kindergarten Information Night with a panel of area kindergarten representatives. The meeting will be held in room 202 in the Greenbelt Community Center and is free and open to the public. For details call the school at 301-474-5570.

No Boundary Changes Proposed for Schools

No boundary changes are proposed for Greenbelt elementary and middle schools at this time according to a newsletter published by Prince George's County School Board member Heather Iliff. Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education members have confirmed the report by reviewing information produced by the county's school system.
A letter restating the city's desire that Greenbelt students attend Greenbelt schools is being drafted.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

After being closed for Thanksgiving Day, the New Deal Café will re-open on Friday, November 27. Starting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. New Deal piano player John Guernsey will play dreamy jazz and blues tunes followed by jazz great Buck Hill and “the smalltrio” from 8 to 11 p.m.
Saturday, November 28, is a full day of music. Steve Pollack begins the day with his finger-strummin' style, 1 to 2:45 p.m. Then Bruce Kritt, the “wunderboy” of classical guitar will play from 4 to 6 p.m., as he does every Saturday, followed by Guernsey on the piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Later, kick back with bluegrass by the Zekiah Swampcats from 8 to 11 p.m.
Mateo Monk has the floor 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, November 29 with a hybrid sound of Indian devotional music with a dash of jam band and electro flavors.

Next Week
On Tuesday, December 1 it's time for funky folk with Folkadelic from 7 to 9 p.m.
For a different version of “folksy stuff” try Chapter Three on Wednesday, December 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Mid-day melodies with Amy Kraft brings lunchtime music on Thursday, December 3 from noon to 2 p.m. That evening is another regular Thursday event, an open microphone session with music, poetry and prose from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, December 4 from 8 to 11 p.m., Kerq, with blues guitar player Kevin Robinson, will perform modern psychedelic blues.
New Deal Café Jazz with Art McKinney plays from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 5. The night will finish with Misbehavin's classic rock from 8 to 11 p.m.
Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lutes during brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 6 (first and fourth Sundays). Rhapsody B plays Latin Jazz with a twist that evening from 5 to 8 p.m.
For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

City Notes

Refuse and Recycling collected 30.6 tons of refuse and 19.45 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.
The Aquatic and Fitness Center hosted special needs young adults from Parkdale High School for a demonstration on proper use of the fitness equipment. Staff will be instructing and guiding the students.
Ten residents from the Empirian Village community have been taking part in a Guitars Not Guns program for the last seven weeks. This class will once again be offered for the winter session, in addition to an intermediate level for those students who passed the beginner session.
A dance class is also in the works at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The performing arts coordinator is working with grant money and dance instructors from the Community Center dance classes to get a dance class going, hopefully by January 2010.

CARES

Family Counselor Wendy Wexler attended a presentation by Dr. Leo Walder entitled “My 59 Years as a Behavioristic Clinical Psychologist: Past Triumphs, Current Challenges and Future Opportunities.” Walder, the original architect of Greenbelt CARES, discussed the evolution of his own development as a therapist and that of the field of study as a whole.
Director Liz Park recently did a presentation for the Maryland Children's Cabinet Results and Accountability Subcommittee. As the chair of the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus, she presented on the state network of Youth Services Bureaus, their outcomes and the variety of programming they offer throughout the state to prevent juvenile delinquency.
Two students from the University of Maryland's Family Science program will begin in January 2010. Cheryl Ikeda and Ellen Ott will assist with the GED, tutoring and world of work programs.

ERHS Winter Concert

A Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is scheduled for Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. The free concert is open to the public and will feature the Concert and Symphony Orchestras, the Roosevelt Strings, Concert Band II, the Symphonic Band and the Gospel and Chamber Choirs. ERHS and its music programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County.
The school is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway. For more information call 301-345-5393.

Financing College

There will be a college financing presentation at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Learn how to finance college and how to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms. Student and parents are welcome.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
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301-220-1155
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of NOV. 25

WED. – SAT.
2012, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 2:45, 6:15, 9:45
A Christmas Carol, PG
11:20, 1:45, 4
Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG-13 (!!)
12:45, 3:45, 7:30, 10:30
Precious, R
11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 3, 5:05, 6:15, 7:40, 9:15, 10:20
Old Dogs, PG (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6:15, 8:20, 10:40
Ninja Assassin, R (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:20, 10:40
Planet 51, PG (!!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:20, 10:40

SUN.
2012, PG-13 (!)
12:15, 3:40, 7
A Christmas Carol, PG
11:15, 1:45, 4
Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG-13 (!!)
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Precious, R
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Old Dogs, PG (!)
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Ninja Assassin, R (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:20
Planet 51, PG (!!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:20

MON. – THU.
2012, PG-13 (!)
12:30, 4, 7:15
A Christmas Carol, PG
12:35, 3, 5:35
Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG-13
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Precious, R
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Old Dogs, PG (!)
12:20, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50
Ninja Assassin, R (!)
12:20, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50
Planet 51, PG (!)
12:20, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION
6900 Greenbelt Road
Hand Made Items Baked Goods Raffles Refreshments
Sponsored by: Greenbelt Unit #136 American Legion Auxiliary
For Info: Rusty(301)577-3025
Or email: rbeeg@verizon.net



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 5th, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Bake Sale;
Christmas Gifts & Decorations
Come do your last-minute Christmas shopping!



County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, city Councilmember Leta Mach and Congressman Steny Hoyer Constituent Liaison Daryl Pennington pose with Greenbelt seniors attending the November 6 luncheon.

Councilmember Turner Hosts City Seniors at Luncheon

On Friday, November 6 Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner hosted a luncheon for seniors at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Turner says she enjoyed hearing from Greenbelt seniors, “I understand how important it is to listen to and speak with the seniors in our community. I am glad they took this opportunity to express their needs as well as their likes and dislikes.”

Turner later explained to the News Review that those in attendance appreciated her advocacy for the Greenbelt Middle School renovation, as well as securing additional funding for Greenbelt’s Get Fit program.

Concerns focused on the InterCounty Connector (ICC) and admission fees at the Aquatic and Fitness Center. Although Turner stood with the Greenbelt City Council in opposing the ICC, she stated the highway is a done deal and she will focus on maintaining the environment.

Turner also noted that with more county residents using the Aquatic and Fitness Center, she has secured additional funds to cover increased maintenance costs. Seniors, however, were concerned that the daily (\$3.50) and seasonal pass fees (\$130) charged were very high for those on fixed incomes. She replied that she will try to address the issue.

The luncheon gathering, also attended by Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis and City Councilmember Leta Mach and Congressman Steny Hoyer’s Constituent Liaison Daryl Pennington, was to provide Turner an opportunity to meet and hear from many Greenbelt seniors. The informal gathering gave

them a chance to meet personally with the councilmember, ask questions and to learn more about District 4 initiatives.

Peace Corps Lecture At Community Church

On Saturday, December 5 at 2 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church. Greenbelter Ronda Ansted will discuss her two years in South Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer working with HIV/AIDS organizations serving those living in poverty. Ansted will focus on why she joined the Peace Corps; what she did, saw and learned; and why she has now become active in the national antipoverty group RESULTS, the sponsor of her presentation.

“South Africa is healing from the wounds of apartheid,” Ansted says, “and we can all help. The long-term need for strong educational opportunities there and all across the globe is deep.” She will also talk briefly about the upcoming December 10, Day of Action for a Global Fund for Education, and what people can do to support this effort.

RESULTS, The Power to End Poverty, is a nonprofit organization. More information is available at www.results.org by calling Pat Behenna at 301-776-4025.

County Students Play In Felegy Concert

The musical talents of county school students will be featured on Sunday, November 29 at 3 p.m. in the annual Edward M. Felegy Concert at the Kennedy Center.

Choral music students in grades five through 12 and instrumental music students in grades 9 through 12 will perform at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall, 2700 F Street, N.W. in Washington, D.C. The Edward M. Felegy concert is named for Felegy, county Superintendent of Schools from 1991 to 1994.

Tickets are available through the Kennedy Center box office at 202-467-4600 or Ticketmaster.

Emory Harman, Sr.

Emory A. Harman, Sr., 92, died on Monday, November 23, 2009.

Relatives and family may call at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, on Sunday, November 29 and Monday, November 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 2 at 10 a.m. at Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads, with interment at the Greenbelt city cemetery.

A full obituary will appear in a later issue of the News Review.

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Local Artists Sell Wares at Festival of Lights

Greenbelt’s annual Festival of Lights and Art and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. People can support local arts and the area economy with relaxing holiday shopping during the Greenbelt Festival of Lights.

The fair features year-round gift ideas sold by the artists who made them, plus hands-on art projects, free craft demonstrations, refreshments and a prize drawing. Most activities are free. This year the show features many new artists, live music and the “Humanities Mart” with books and more.

Gifts for all occasions will fill the gym. Regional artisans such as Greenbelt Pottery and the Baltimore Etsy Street Team will offer a wide range of creations including housewares, jewelry, toys, fine arts, stationery and personal care products. The Humanities Mart will be held in Room 114 with groups including the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt Writer’s Group, Maryland Writer’s Association and area Girl Scout Troops.

In Room 103 youth entrepreneurs, the Greenbelt Nursery School, Greenbelt Glass Guild and nonprofit exhibitors will present their wares. The Greenbelt Arts Center will offer fair refreshments as a fund raiser in the Community Center dining room.

Saturday Activities

The Saturday schedule features fused-glass mini-workshops to make-your-own ornaments or sun-catchers. They are at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (sign up at 10 a.m.; there is a fee).

Free activities include a hands-on paper box workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., crafts demonstrations including ceramic tiles (10:30 a.m.), mud cloth (noon), jewelry making (1:30 p.m.), plus live jazz on the gym stage from 3 to 5 p.m.

Sunday Offerings

On Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Make a Wreath At Arts Workshop

Make a holiday wreath on Saturday, December 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

Basic wreath-making materials will be provided. For ideas of other things to be brought from home check the website at www.cpae.org for this hands-on arts workshop for teens and adults. There is a fee and registration is required. Email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013 to inquire about availability.



Gina Mai Denn of Greenbelt Pottery mesmerizes the crowd with her throwing demonstration at a former Art and Craft Fair of the Festival of Lights.

find the Artists-in-residence Holiday Sale and Open House offering fine paintings, hand-painted scarves, mind-boggling cut paper illustrations, fabric arts and mixed media works in their third floor studios. Free activities include a wreath-making workshop from 1 to 3 p.m., the “Art Bucks” drawing at noon and Harp 46 playing live world music on stage from 2 to 4 p.m.

Anyone can enter the prize drawing online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or in person at the craft fair. Win a certificate good at any Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair booth or toward a City of Greenbelt Recreation Department winter class or tickets to a performance at the Greenbelt Arts Center. No purchase is necessary and participants need not be present to win.

For more details on the Art and Craft Fair, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4

Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 8:30 pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, re: Briefing on Tennis Court Light Bid and CDBG Project Empirian Village**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.
For more info call 301-474-8000.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City’s 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants for this committee in late November.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center will be hosting a Prince George’s County High School Swim Meet on December 5th. The Pool and Hot Tub will close at 5:00pm. The fitness wing will remain open until 10:00pm.

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Devin Hartsgrove Makes Career Change to Teaching

by Katie Crowe

Fifth grade teacher Devin Hartsgrove's career did not begin like most in her field – she once worked in Manhattan living the fast-paced life of a young businesswoman in the Big Apple.

After majoring in business marketing as an undergraduate, Hartsgrove worked in retail marketing for three years.

"I wasn't really getting anything out of it," Hartsgrove said of her early career. "The profession just wasn't rewarding."

Hartsgrove's indifference led her to obtain a master's in education from Monmouth University in New Jersey. She graduated from the program this past May.

This year marks her first as a teacher as well as her first at Turning Point Academy (TPA) in Lanham. She teaches fifth grade math and science at the public charter school on Good Luck Road and especially enjoys the holistic approach to teaching that TPA employs.

Parent-Student Classes

Every Friday, Hartsgrove teaches character-education classes to her students that focus on more important lessons than just how to read and write.

"It's really about [teaching them] to become better people,



Devin Hartsgrove

both academically and morally," Hartsgrove said. "The school really cares about enlightening each child and about shaping moral, responsible citizens."

She is also one of several TPA teachers who coordinate a similar character-education class for their students' parents once a month.

As part of the "discovery groups," parents learn the same things that their children learn each Friday – lessons catered toward a chosen theme for the week, such as "destiny" or "concern."

"The classes really focus on pulling out each child's unique potential," Hartsgrove said. "It teaches them to be all they can be."

Enjoys Successes

Above all else, Hartsgrove said she enjoys witnessing success in the classroom more than anything else – success that she has been a direct part of.

"When I know a child has been struggling with something in particular and I grade a test and see that they got a 95 percent on it, for example, I am so happy for them," Hartsgrove said.

She takes each of her student's

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Longtime Greenbelter and former Outstanding Citizen Emory Harman died on Monday, November 23, 2009. Our sympathy to his family and his friends.

We were sorry to hear of the death on November 21, 2009, of Greenbelt pioneer Revere Nielsen of Conifer, Colo. He was a member of Greenbelt High School's class of 1941. Condolences to his family, especially to his surviving brother George Nielsen of Solomons, Md.

Congratulations to:

– the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which received a certificate of appreciation from the police department for outstanding community service, especially emphasizing its traffic control work at the Labor Day parade. Capt. Thomas Kemp and PIO Kelly Lawson presented the certificate to CERT coordinator William Holland at the CERT monthly meeting November 16.

– Izzy and David Downs, Jr., of Ridge Road on the birth of their first child, Mia Bernadette, on November 14, 2009. The new baby is the granddaughter of David and Lori Downs of Emmittsburg and the great-granddaughter of longtime Greenbelters Jack and Dolores Downs.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Tauheedah Lewis Gains Satisfaction in Teaching

by Katie Crowe

The impact that a single educator had on Tauheedah Lewis in high school is what, according to the first-grade teacher, encouraged her to become a teacher herself.

Lewis volunteered at the Bruce Street School for the Deaf in Newark, N.J., as a teen, where she met a woman who caused her to change her career plans from lawyer to teacher.

"I saw the impact she had on the kids – how creative she was and how she came across to them – and was inspired," Lewis said.

Today, Lewis teaches first grade at Turning Point Academy (TPA) on Good Luck Road in Lanham and gets great enjoyment out of the classroom atmosphere.

"There is never a dull moment in the classroom – especially with six and seven-year-olds," Lewis said. "They keep my energy up."

Lewis came to TPA with a wealth of experience; this school year marks Lewis' second at TPA and her ninth as a teacher.

Background

She earned her bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C., and her master's in education and administration and su-



Tauheedah Lewis

pervision from St. Peter's College in Jersey City, N.J.

She began her teaching career at the Jersey City Community Charter School where she taught kindergarten and first grade. She then became the assistant to the principal over the school's elementary division, which included grades K-

4. Lewis worked there for seven years before relocating to Maryland with her husband.

She said it is at that school where she got her foundation – faced challenges, gained knowledge and refined her skills.

At Turning Point

TPA Principal Dr. Kenneth Jones and faculty praise Lewis for these abilities, to be so organized and reliable.

"She is one of those people who has everything in order and you can see that displayed in her classroom," Jones said. "She's one of the first ones here in the morning and one of the last to leave at night; on her 'A-game' all the time."

Although Lewis noted unresponsive parents as being one of the greatest challenges of teaching, she said she really enjoys

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to “Weekly Report” or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.

Attempted Murder

November 15, 11:36 p.m., 20 block Parkway. Two non-resident males, 23 and 21 years old, were arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder, armed robbery and first-degree assault after shooting a person during a robbery. They were transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Attempted Carjacking

November 15, 6:43 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Two men approached and robbed a person and then attempted to carjack the person’s vehicle. They are described as black males, 16 to 22 years old, 5’9” to 5’11”, 120 to 150 pounds, with one suspect wearing a black and silver jacket and the other wearing all dark clothing.

Robberies

November 17, 7:34 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A person was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and demanded money. The robber is described as a black male, 17 to 20 years old, 5’11” to 6’1”, 120 to 140 pounds, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

November 19, 7:21 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A person was approached by two men who displayed a handgun and demanded money. They are described as black males, the first 16 to 21 years old, 6’0” to 6’2”, 145 to 160 pounds wearing a dark shirt and blue jeans. The second is 21 to 34 years old, 6’1” to 6’3”, 150 to 160 pounds wearing dark clothing.

Arson

November 14, 9:10 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Prince George’s County Fire Department is investigating. A box was found burning.

DUI/DWI

November 14, 12:53 a.m., Breezewood Court and Springhill Lane. After a traffic stop a 34-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol. He was released on citations pending trial.

Drug Arrests

November 16, 9:27 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. An 18-year-old non-resident male was released on citation pending trial after being arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

November 17, 11:06 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A non-resident juvenile was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services after being arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Burglaries

November 16, 9:34 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Nothing was taken.

November 16, 11:55 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Attempted burglary.

November 17, 7:38 p.m., 7300 block Wintergreen Court. Laptop, TV and tools were taken.

November 18, 9:42 a.m. 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. Attempted burglary.

November 19, 9:52 a.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. Currency taken.

November 19, 9:52 a.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. Attempted burglary.

Vandalism

November 15, 1:23 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Window broken.

November 16, 8:12 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Court. Door lock damaged.

November 17, 8:34 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Rock thrown through window.

November 18, 11:43 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. Window broken.

November 19, 8:42 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Graffiti on wall.

Disorderly Conduct

November 17, 12:51 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A 44-year-old resident male was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

Vehicles reported as stolen include 7000 block Mathew Street (gold 1995 Saturn with MD tags), 7800 block Mandan Road (white 2000 Nissan Altima with FL tags), 9100 block Edmonston Court (green 1993 Jeep Cherokee with MD tags). An attempt to steal a vehicle occurred in 6100 block Breezewood Court.

A blue 2002 Dodge Caravan with MD tags stolen from the 400 block Ridge Road on November 15 was recovered at College and Yale Avenues in College Park on November 16 with no arrest made.

A Toyota Scion reported stolen through the Alexandria Police Department was recovered in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive with no arrest made.

Vandalism was reported in 6200 block Springhill Drive (sugar added to gas tank), 100 block Westway (tire cut), 9100 block Springhill Lane (vehicle scratched), 12 Court Ridge Road (vehicle scratched).

Thefts from autos occurred in the following locations: 7200 block Morrison Drive (set of tires), 8000 block Mandan Road, two incidents (cassette player, GPS), 7500 block Mandan Road (set of headphones), 7400 block Greenbelt Road, two incidents (cellphone and briefcase, cellphone and credit cards), 7400 block Greenway Center Drive (GPS), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (GPS), 100 block Westway (MD tag), Beltway Plaza (laptop and wallet).

Police Reaccredited

On November 21 the Greenbelt Police Department received notice it had been granted unconditional reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) at the organization’s 90th conference in Salt Lake City this past weekend.

In April 2009 a team of CALEA assessors, including Chief Ray Johnson, Chesterfield (Mo.) Police Department and Lieutenant Steve Sanders, Garden Grove (Calif.) Police Department, conducted an on-site review of the department. Then, at the Salt Lake Conference, a team of Greenbelt commanders reviewed the on-site report with four CALEA commissioners. After the review the commissioners praised the department for meeting all applicable standards and 92 percent of the other-than-mandatory standards. The Greenbelt police obtained initial accreditation in November 2006.

The overall purpose of CALEA Accreditation Programs is to improve a delivery of public safety services, primarily by maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners that cover a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives, establish and administer the accreditation process and recognize professional excellence.

Drains Not Meant For Grease

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) asks that after the Thanksgiving meal is eaten and before tryptophan kicks in, everyone should properly dispose of all the greasy cooking remnants from the holiday feast, including meat fats, oils, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, sauces and dairy products.

When grease goes down the drain, it collects in the pipes, hardens and causes back-ups. Sewage can end up in basements, leading to costly plumbing problems for homeowners. Grease blockages can also cause manholes to overflow, sending sewage into streams and ultimately to the Chesapeake Bay. These situations pose a public health risk and hurt the environment.

Some de-greasing products may simply pass blockages down the line and cause problems elsewhere. Home garbage disposals do not protect the plumbing system from grease.

WSSC suggests the following tips:

Pour cooled grease into cans and dispose in the trash, never pour grease down sinks or toilets, scrape grease and food scraps into the trash and put baskets or strainers in sinks to catch food scraps and empty them in the trash.

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2002, the then 22-year-old Lawson joined the Greenbelt Police Department in April 2003.

On the Greenbelt force Lawson worked in the patrol unit, where she responded to calls for services and made arrests. She also worked in the bicycle unit, where she began giving presentations. This experience led to her interest in working with the community.

New PR Officer

Now as the Greenbelt Police Department’s new public relations officer, Lawson’s responsibilities include press releases, on-camera interviews and crime prevention efforts such as relaying information to the public and giving safety lectures. She also serves as a D.A.R.E officer, teaching about drug abuse to first, third and fifth graders at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

As part of her preparation for teaching, Lawson participated in a two-week course at Sykesville, Md. She will begin actual teaching in April, once she finishes state testing.

Lawson’s target group will be fifth graders. She has done safety lectures with children before and does not find working with children a particular challenge. During her course, Lawson also got hands-on experience teaching a full lesson to students.

The biggest challenge Lawson said she has had to face is breaking down people’s barriers with law enforcement. Lawson said many people do not see officers as friends. She wants to “open up the lines of communications between different cultures and different communities.”

Lawson finds that Greenbelt is a diverse community which includes Latin American, Chinese, Korean and African cultures. People have different cultural expectations as well as language barriers. She is looking for ways to reach every population. “Everything is done in English. But for many people in the community, English is a secondary language,” Lawson says.

Currently different sectors of

the city have liaisons who can relay information. For example, Empirian Village has a Spanish translator who translates crime prevention brochures. After the fire at Empirian Village, a liaison was able to work with Lawson and the Greenbelt Police Department to get food, blankets and supplies for displaced residents. The team also worked together to locate shelters, working with the rental company and with the Red Cross to find help.

City Events

In her new role, Lawson has been or will be involved with every city event in Greenbelt. In October she participated in the International Walk to School Day in Greenbelt, which was coordinated by School Resource Officer Marty Parker.

Lawson feels that this annual Greenbelt event with parents, police officers, city councilmembers and even the mayor accompanying students walking to school was a good way to bring the community and school together.

Lawson was also involved with the city’s annual fall festival at Schrom Hills Park, where she prepared child finger printing kits and crime literature for auto theft preventions. The next big event for Lawson will be “Shop with a Cop” in December when police officers help children pick out and wrap presents for their parents. Lawson will be playing the supporting role of advertising and publicizing the event.

Lawson says that the workload was initially a little overwhelming but the many experienced people in the department are willing to help and guide her.

Lawson says she “couldn’t have done it without all the support of people around.” She “enjoys being able to share information with the public and keep the public more aware of what’s going on with the community.”

Lawson says it makes her feel really good about her job, “like you’re making a difference.” To her, that’s the most rewarding part.

Holiday Festival At Oxon Hill Farm

The National Park Service will host a Cultural Holiday Festival at Oxon Hill Farm on Sunday, December 6 from noon to 3 p.m. Oxon Hill Farm was known as Mt. Welby during the early part of the 19th century.

The National Children’s Museum staff will be on hand to coordinate activities for children. Visitors can ride in a horse-drawn wagon, participate in 19th century parlor games, cider pressing and listen to music and storytelling. Light refreshments will be served.

Oxon Hill Farm is located at 6411 Oxon Hill Road in Oxon Hill. For information call 301-839-1176 or visit www.nps.gov/oxhi.

Children’s Film Shown At National Gallery

Ages 7 and up are invited to the National Gallery of Art, East Building Auditorium to view the English-language film of “Christmas Story” from Finland on Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, December 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Visit www.nga.gov/programs for more information.

Women’s Symposium At PGCC Next Sat.

The Maryland Commission for Women will hold a symposium at Prince George’s Community College (PGCC) on Saturday, December 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aimed at assisting women in challenging economic times, workshops, panel discussions, keynote addresses, exhibitors and individual counselors will provide women with economic information and address various aspects of domestic violence.

The keynote speakers will be Comptroller Peter Franchot, Chief Judge Robert Bell and Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation Sarah Bloom Raskin.

The PGCC Main Campus is located at 301 Largo Road in Largo.

Seasonal Celebration At Arts Exchange

On Saturday, December 5 at 5 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park, the College Park Arts Exchange will celebrate the holidays with local musicians and performers. Enjoy a snack, hot drink and favorite holiday pieces.

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find work in public schools. The career change came after helping her mother recover from an illness. When her mother had to learn to read and write again, Davis helped her. That’s when she discovered the rewards of teaching. “I knew this was something I wanted to do for a living.”

For the fourth step of the personal memoir, students write a rough draft essay about one of the experiences. Students are reminded to think about the settings and to use sensory details about how things feel, smell, taste, sound and look. Then comes the revision, which includes a peer review.

Peer Reviews

Davis opened some of the red covers of the memoirs. Small sticky notes show a peer reviewer’s comments. Students work not only on their own writing but also on their classmates’ essays.

Davis’ students all come from Springhill Lake Elementary School. Greenbelt Middle School has six feeder elementary schools for grades seven and eight but

Springhill Lake is the only elementary school that sends sixth graders.

Some are honors students. Some are below grade level. Many speak English fluently, and many are learning English as a second language. They don’t necessarily come in enjoying reading or writing and one of her major goals is not only to get them working at or above grade level but to enjoy reading and writing.

She says the job takes a lot of patience and an ability to work to meet individual students’ needs.

The final two steps in the personal memoir are a final draft and publishing. Publishing means sitting in the moss green chair that is labeled “author’s chair” and reading the essay aloud to the class.

“I love seeing how happy they are when they have completed an assignment,” she said. “They become motivated and confident. They learn they can do the work if they try and they work hard.”

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easier with practice, so all of her students practice. One of their projects this year was a personal narrative. Woodyard said she has revised the project this year after working with it last year.

Writing Prompt

Students are expected to start with a writing prompt. A prompt is a phrase supposed to evoke an image or a memory in the writer. It is a jumping off place. Last year’s prompt was asking the students to tell about the most important event in their lives. “They didn’t know what to do with that,” said Woodyard. “I wouldn’t know what to do with it either.”

So this year she created her own writing prompts, such as “tell about when you were embarrassed,” “tell me about when a friend helped you” and “tell me about when you were unprepared.”

Ten Prompts

She had 10 prompts. Students wrote on each one for five minutes. So they wrote 10 fast paragraphs in one class. Then each chose one of those fast paragraphs to expand out to narratives. The personal narrative was a much more successful endeavor this year than last, she said.

The prompts exercises are a form of prewriting. They are not expected to be the finished product but rather sketches that can become a finished product. Woodyard says she is also working with her students on grammar and punctuation, as well as structure of an essay. “I’m trying to get them thinking a little harder about what they write before they

write.”

Not all the writing in Woodyard’s class is creative. Students need to be able to work with books as well. Woodyard’s reading work includes strategies such as summarizing, paraphrasing and questioning the text. She uses books that she and her class enjoy, including “Among the Hidden” by Margaret Peterson Haddix and “Son of the Mob” by Gordon Korman.

“A lot of my students come in and don’t enjoy reading,” she said. “Several of them tell me they do like reading now. My aim is to get them to all enjoy reading and writing.”



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and is impressed by the cooperation of TPA parents.

Lewis, like many others at the school, teaches the character-education curriculum to her students once a week and to their parents once a month.

Although she enjoys instructing the parents each month, it is from teaching her students that Lewis gains the most satisfaction.

“As a teacher you are constantly learning: new curriculum, new technology ...,” Lewis said. “You think you are teaching them but in reality, they are teaching you.”

Lewis said one of her long-term goals is to open her own elementary school, preferably in Maryland and, according to TPA staff, she has the potential to do great things.

“I envision her being an administrative leader – whether in terms of curriculum, being a principal, any task that is chosen,” Jones said. “She is certainly already qualified and is already on her way.”

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success personally, noting that she wants to “literally jump up and down on the couch” out of excitement when she grades some “A” papers.

Turning Point Principal Dr. Kenneth Jones said he noticed Hartsgrove’s enthusiasm for teaching and willingness to learn from day one.

“She is quite energetic with regards to students’ passion for learning,” Jones said. “If she doesn’t know much about something, in just two weeks or so, she can learn, become knowledgeable of the subject and is not afraid to learn – which is, a lot of the time, what holds people back.”

Jones also noted that despite her drastic career change, Hartsgrove has adjusted beautifully.

“When most people switch careers, they have some level of anxiety about it,” Jones said. “Devin seems to have successfully made that transition and is extremely dedicated to the children.”

Jones noted that Hartsgrove has even shown up at school

when she is not feeling one hundred percent and faculty members have had to encourage her to leave to see a doctor.

Hartsgrove noted, however, that seeing a child smile each day is worth any challenge she may encounter. “To see the kids excited to go to school, to see that they don’t hate it, is great,” she said. “Being able to create eight hours of a safe haven where they can be themselves is what I enjoy most.”

And despite early career disappointments, Hartsgrove now recognizes the benefits of being a teacher each day – ones that have allowed her to foster a confident and gratifying sense of self:

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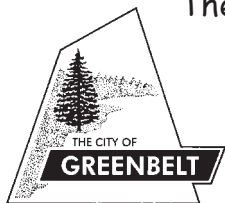
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Festival of Lights



The Festival of Lights is a seasonal celebration with activities for all ages throughout the month of December. Neighbors of all backgrounds and traditions are invited to come together in a spirit of peace and hope. We celebrate the sense of community that will warm our hearts during the cold winter ahead, and contemplate with joyous anticipation how we aspire to shine brightly in the new year to come.



Holiday Tree Lighting & Opening Ceremony

Friday, December 4, 7:00pm on the Community Center Front Lawn
Enjoy Holiday music by Eleanor Roosevelt High School a cappella groups The Pearls, Harmonize, and The Suspenders. The Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will play holiday favorites while Santa arrives on the fire truck to light the City's Holiday Tree. Tree ornaments created by the Greenbelt Co-op Nursery School.

Greenbelt New Year 2010

Thursday, 12/31, 7:00pm-1:am
Greenbelt Community Center
Greenbelt Youth Center
Greenbelt Theater
This year's theme is "Rock This Town...!" Back to the 80's we go for this year's community New Year's Eve celebration. Featured entertainment will include: "On Strike" a local teen band; The John L.T. Band; IZOLDA the Tarot Card Reader; Jim Olson's Piano Lounge with scrumptious treats from the one and only 'Chef Lou'; and local artist Harp 46; Celtic Jazz. Teens can gather at the Youth Center to enjoy giant action games, Noella the Hula Hooper and Guitar Hero. Also Greg May will perform one of his famous side splitting shows. Following the show he will have a hands on workshop for anyone wanting to learn how to act like a clown. Pizza and soda will be for sale. Admission: \$5 advance. \$7 at the door. Children 5 & under admitted free. Advance sales at the Community Center, Youth Center, and Greenbelt Co-Op Supermarket.



This is a great event for the entire family. We have four children from 2 - 15 years old and there is something for all of them to enjoy and have fun with....John Tuttle
My wife and I have lived in Greenbelt for 32 years. We love Greenbelt New Year! It's entertaining and safe. We especially enjoy the Piano Lounge and Chef Lou's desserts. It makes me feel like I'm in the movie "Casablanca" of course without all the smoking....George Smithers
Hosted by Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Children & Family Events

Santa's Visit

Saturday 12/12, 10:00am to 12:00pm
Youth Center
Preschool and up/FREE
Santa has fit a visit to Greenbelt into his busy schedule! All children will receive a Polaroid picture with Santa and if you bring a DVD disc you can have your visit professionally recorded.
Hosted by Greenbelt Recreation Department

Elves Workshop

Saturday, 12/12, 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Greenbelt Youth Center
Fee: \$5. For ages 6-12.
Come make cookies and crafts with Mrs. Gaye Houchens and Santa's elves! Pre-registration is required.
Hosted by Greenbelt Recreation Department

North Pole Calling

Tuesday, 12/15 through Thursday, 12/17. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Preschool through Grade 2. FREE!
Santa and his helpers will make a special phone-call to your home to chat with your child! To be contacted by Santa, complete and return the registration flier available at the Youth Center and online at www.greenbeltnmd.gov
Hosted by Greenbelt Recreation Department



Holiday Lights Concert

Sunday 12/13, beginning at 3pm
Community Center Gym
Open to all ages / FREE
Featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band playing a selection of seasonal favorites.
Hosted by Greenbelt Recreation Department

Main Attractions:

Juried Art and Craft Fair

Saturday 12/05, from 10am to 5pm
All Ages Craft Workshop: 11am-1pm
Sunday 12/06, from 11am to 4pm
Greenbelt Community Center
Admission is free. Our annual fair offers a wonderful opportunity to find unique hand-crafted gifts for all occasions, available directly from the artisans. Register to win \$25 in art bucks accepted by all craft fair exhibitors. Enter online at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts or at the fair before 11am Sunday. Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase courtesy of the Greenbelt Arts Center. Children under the age of 10 must be supervised by an adult.

Saturday's Schedule

11am-1pm Free workshop rm113 make paper boxes
11am-12pm & 1pm-3pm NEW: make fussed glass ornaments/sun catchers gym stage front; fee \$15, limited space; ages 6-adult; sign up starting at 10am.
3pm-5pm Jazz Concert on the gym stage. Glenn Harris, bass & Brent Hardestry, Piano

Artist Demonstrations

10:30am Ceramic Tile Making-Mary Gawlik
12pm Making Mud Cloth-Kathye Arrington
1:30pm Jewelry Making - Karen Arrington

Sunday's Schedule

12pm Prize Drawing, gym. Win theater tickets, craft fair gift certificates. Enter online or at the Art Gallery. 1pm-3pm: Free - Make a Wreath. Rooms 113 & 116
1pm-4pm Artists in residence studio open house and sale.
2pm-4pm: Free concert on gym stage. Harp 46, Celtic Jazz

Artist Demonstrations

11:30am Stained Glass Mosaics; Richard McMullin
1pm Potter's Wheel; Mea Rhee
Hosted by Greenbelt Recreation Department

2010 Winter Brochure

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's seasonal brochure will be available soon. Take a gander at the fantastic programs, services and facilities we have to offer! Go to www.greenbeltnmd.gov

Holiday Hours for Recreation Centers

	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHLRC
11/26	Closed	8:00am-4:00pm	12:00pm-4:00pm
11/27	9:00am-10:00pm	8:00am-10:00pm	12:00pm-9:45pm
12/24	9:00am-5:00pm	6:00am-5:00pm	12:00pm-5:00pm
12/25	Closed	12:00pm-4:00pm	12:00pm-4:00pm
12/31	9:00am-1:00pm	6:00am-5:00pm	12:00pm-5:00pm
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GCC: Greenbelt Community Center
GAFC: Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
YC: Youth Center SHLRC: Springhill Lake Recreation Center

The Greenbelt Museum

Greenbelt Museum Holiday Tour

Friday, December 4
6:00pm — 9:00pm



Stroll over to the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road. Take a free tour of the house decorated for the holidays and peruse the museum's gift shop which will be freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise.
For more information: email museum@greenbeltnmd.gov or call 301-507-6582
Hosted by: Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

Other Community Activities

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, 12/05, 8:00am to 11:00am
Greenbelt American Legion Post #136
Open to all ages.
Adults: \$7.00
Children 12 & under: FREE
For pictures with Santa bring your own camera.
Information: 301-345-0136 Hosted by Greenbelt Lion's Club & American Legion Post #136



Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, 12/13, 5:30pm—7:30pm
Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road
\$8—Adults \$4—Children under 12
Enjoy a meal of spaghetti with a choice of meat/ meatless sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread and a beverage.
Hosted by Greenbelt Community Church

Greenbelt Combined Choir Holiday Concert

Sunday, 12/13, 7:30pm
Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road
Open to all ages/FREE
Under the direction of Jean Cook and Chris Fominaya, members of many churches and the community form the Combined Choir to perform traditional and contemporary Christmas music.
Hosted by Greenbelt Community Church

Fun Run & Walk—Greenbelt Wright Stuff 5k

Saturday 12/05, 9:00am
Pre-Register on-line at www.getmeregistered.com
Pre-Registration Fee: \$15
Day of Registration is 8am-8:45am
Check-In will be at the at Youth Center from 8:00am to 8:45am.
Come and run in the Fourth Annual Wright Stuff 5K. Runners and walkers will enjoy a route through scenic Greenbelt. Information: Tracy Wright/ 443-465-0745 or www.pgrc.org
Hosted by Prince George's Running Club

Empirian Village Events



Gift Drive for Children & Seniors

11/30-12/21
Many in our community are

in need of gifts to brighten the holidays. Empirian Village Community Relations Office will be collecting NEW toys and books through December 21. Nicie Gary-Lowndes, 301-474-1602 ext. 58

Empirian Village Center Blood Drive

Friday, December 4, 2:00pm-6:00pm
9220 Springhill Lane
Please call the Community Office at 301-474-1602 to schedule your life saving donation. Hosted by: Empirian Village Community

Greenbriar Events

Greenbelt East Tree Lighting

Sunday 12/06 7:00pm
Greenbriar Community Building
Open to all ages / FREE
Enjoy carols and hot chocolate.
More Information: 301.441.1096
Hosted by: Greenbriar Community

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday 12/12 10:00am to 12:00pm
Greenbriar Terrace Room. FREE.
Greenbriar's children of all ages are welcome to have breakfast with Santa.
Information: 301.441.1096